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- 25X1 1. As a result of the wholesale purging of the Bulgarian Ministry of Foreign Commerce by its chief, Dimitri GANEV, two directors and four commercial counselors have been dismissed. The counselors are those of Moscow, USSR; Alexandria, Egypt; Prague, Czechoslovakia; and Istanbul, Turkey.

2. CHRISTOV*(fmu), the Bulgarian Commercial Counselor in Moscow, has occupied this office for five years. His efforts to broaden the Soviet-Bulgarian economic relations have been very successful; and, until the present, he has enjoyed an excellent reputation. [redacted]

3. Nikola GAVRILOV, the Bulgarian Commercial Counselor in Alexandria, was the protégé of Varban ANGELOV, former Bulgarian Minister to Turkey, and was a candidate for the post of Consul General at Istanbul. Instead, however, he was appointed to his present position in Alexandria.

- 25X1 4. [redacted] Nedelcho MANEV [redacted]
[redacted] had returned to
Bulgaria, hoping to obtain a new and better post, and he is still
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